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1. APPRECIATE REFTEL SITREP ON EFFORTS TO FORMULATE USG POSITION ON STRUCTURE AND WORK OF US - IRAN JOINT COMMISSION. WE HAVE NOT PASSED CONTENTS OF REFTEL TO ANSARY BUT DID TELL HIM WE HOPED TO HAVE POSITION TO DISCUSS BY NOVEMBER 27. ANSARY SAID HE WOULD BE LEAVING IRAN FOR EIGHT DAYS AT THE END OF THIS WEEK BUT IS EAGER TO GET ON WITH THIS PROJECT. ACCORDINGLY URGED USG POSITION BE IN OUR HANDS BY OPENING OF BUSINESS (TEHRAN TIME) NOVEMBER 28.

2. RE PARA 8 REFTEL, WE AGREE BLANKET REIMBURSABLE TECH-NICAL ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENT IS PROBABLY DESIRABLE. NEVERTHE-LESS, WISH TO POINT OUT QUITE BLUNTLY THAT AID OR ANYTHING CONNECTED WITH AID PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS IS AN ANATHEMA TO THE GOI. RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, IT CONSIDERS AID DAYS LONG SINCE PASSED AND IRAN A FULLY INDEPENDENT NATION ABLE AND WILLING TO DEAL WITH US AS AN EQUAL. AID CONNECTION IMPLIES A CONTINUING DEPENDENT RELATIONSHIP WHICH WE SUSPECT MAY BE UN-ACCEPTABLE. FURTHER, GOI FINDS AID REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES VEXATIOUS AND CUMBERSOME. HOPE THEREFORE THAT WHATEVER TECH-NICAL ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENT WE SEEK CAN BE UNDER SOME OTHER
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